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Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

By its resolution 2011/1 of 18 February 2011, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme" (see annex).

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Annex

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/8 of 1 November 1995 and 53/223 of 7 April 1999,

1. *Decides*, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists[1] set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:

(a) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(e) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(f) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the pattern of rotation shall be as follows:

(i) A State from list A to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term, starting from 1 January 2012;

(ii) A State from list B to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2015;

(iii) A State from list C to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2021;

2. *Also decides* that the rotating seat will henceforth rotate on a permanent basis among the States included in lists A, B and C, as described in paragraph 1 (f) above, without the need for a further review, unless such a review is requested by a

[1] Reproduced in E/1998/L.1/Add.4, annex II.

majority of the Board members, and, in any event, not before the completion of one full rotation scheme of four terms;

3. *Further decides* that, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2012.